I [(*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 17) & II (*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 18)].

(d) A project generally consists of more than one units. As the project is appraised and sanctioned as a composite entity, the precise amount of money involved in the commissioning of each unit and the deployment of the staff thereon can not be estimated.

**Number of Extra-Departmental Empolyees**

508. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of extra departmental employees employed as sub postmasters, branch postmasters and mail carriers in remote rural areas of the country during the last three years Statewise;

(b) the salaries and allowances paid to sub postmasters, branch postmasters and mail carriers per month alongwith their educational qualifications; and

(c) total amount paid as salaries and allowances to these extra departmental employees during the last financial year and so far during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO). (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Allowances paid to them are given in the enclosed annexure [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 19]. Educational qualifications in respect of ED sub postmasters and ED branch postmasters is VIII standard (Matriculation or equivalent preferred). As regards EDMCs, they should have sufficient working knowledge of regional language and simple Arithmatic.

(c) The total expenditure on all categories of ED staff for the year 1987-88 is 103.18 crores and that for the year 1988-89 upto September, 1988 is 60.39 crores.

**Number of Postmen**

509. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of postmen working in the country circlewise as on December 31, 1988;

(b) the corresponding figures of postmen during the years 1982-83; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal under consideration for increasing the number of postmen as the population has increased tremendously during the years 1983-84 to 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The requisite information is given in the enclosed statement (*see* below)

(c) The justification for increased number of postmen based upon the workload is being assessed. The additional demand, if any, will be taken up with the Ministry of Finance for approval.

**Statement**

| Sl. No. | Circle | Total number of Postmen working as on Dec. 1988 (Approx.) | Corresponding figures during the years 1982-83 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 3544 | 3865 |
| 2. | Assam | 950 | 986 |
| 3. | Bihar | 2641 | 2863 |
| 4. | Delhi | 2531 | 2783 |
| 5 | Gujarat | 3710 | 3843 |
| 6 | Haryana | 865 | 895 |
| 7 | Himachal Pradesh | 391 | 385 |
| 8 | Karnataka | 3170 | 3262 |
| 9. | Kerala | 3044 | 3182 |
| 10. | J. & K. | 434 | 411 |
| 11. | Maharashtra | 8527 | 8869 |
| 12. | Madhya Pradesh | 2437 | 2180 |